



COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

Health & Family Welfare Department

Government of Kerala

COVID-19 SCREENING, TESTING, EDUCATION & PREVENTION (STEP) KIOSK

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Kerala state is combating with COVID-19 pandemic. Prevention and containment activities are now carried out with minimal inconveniences to the citizens. Facilities for testing are being made available with a total of 1293 COVID testing facility in government and private sector. In addition, as per the recommendations of ICMR, the testing facilities have to be made more accessible to the citizens by promoting kiosks at the portal of entry such as airports, border areas, railway stations and other public places like transit points and shopping malls. Kiosks are also encouraged to be started on the way to major pilgrimages like Sabarimala.

COVID-19 STEP KIOSK shall provide the following services

- Educate the people on prevention of COVID-19 by providing correct information regarding precautions to be taken including correctly wearing face masks, correct methods of sanitising hands and following physical distancing norms.
- Offer screening for COVID-19 symptoms such as fever using flash thermometer and anosmia using smell test and explain about other symptoms like diarrhoea, sore throat, head ache, rhinitis and fatiguability.
- Offer rapid antigen assay testing for COVID-19 at cost fixed by Government.
- Offer good quality facemasks & hand sanitisers at costs for the needy.

Proposed Structure for setting up COVID-19 STEP KIOSK shall be as follows.

- It should set up by in places visible and easily accessible to all intended beneficiaries.
- Well ventilated open places with knock down kiosks are preferable.
- There shall be provision for waiting area enabling people to maintain physical distancing so that overcrowding is prevented.
- Break the Chain messages to be clearly displayed using Posters, Videos or LED displays.



- Facility for sample collection like WISK to be set up and space for performing the tests to be arranged following all safety precautions including bio medical waste management.
- Staff/volunteers in KIOSK to use recommended Personal Protective equipment
- Readymade pamphlets explaining signs and symptoms of COVID, facilities for testing and treatments, whom to contact if somebody develops symptoms shall be handed over to all people visiting KIOSK.

Who can start the KIOSKS?

- Any State approved / ICMR approved private labs with prior intimation to District Medical Officer can start the KIOSKS.
- Hospital Development Committees of Government run health facilities approved by the State/ ICMR can start the KIOSKS.
- All such Testing KIOSKS shall be registered in the portal as per the existing guidelines.

District Medical Officers shall assess the need, plan and permit HDCs and private labs to start COVID-19 STEP KIOSKS.

Monitoring

District Medical Officer shall monitor the activities at the KIOSKS periodically and ensure that standards are met.


Principal Secretary